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| | Title | <i>Generation of large genomic DNA deletions</i> |

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated September 23, 2003, for which a three-month period for response was given, making this response due on or before December 23, 2003. *A Petition for a three-Month Extension of Time is submitted herewith, making this amendment due on or before March 23, 2004.* Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

In view of the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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